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SUBJECT:FOREIGN INVESTMENT SURVEY ACT OF 1976

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1. UNDER AUTHORITY OF THE FOREIGN INVESTMENT SURVEY ACT OF 1976 AN INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE HAS BEEN SET UP TO DESIGN A BENCHMARK SURVEY OF U.S. DIRECT INVESTMENT ABROAD. THE LAST SUCH SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED IN 1966. THE PRESENT SURVEY WILL BE MUCH MORE COMPREHENSIVE THAN IN 1966 AND PROVIDE DATA ON THE ECONOMIC SIGNIFICANCE OF U.S. DIRECT INVESTMENTS ABROAD AND FACILITATE THE ANALYSIS OF THEIR

EFFECT ON THE U.S. AND FOREIGN ECONOMIES. AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 5(C) OF THE ACT THE INFORMATION REPORTED WILL BE USED FOR ANALYTICAL AND STATISTICAL PURPOSES ONLY AND ACCESS TO ANY INFORMATION PROVIDED WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLY TO OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF AGENCIES DESIGNATED BY THE PRESIDENT TO PERFORM FUNCTIONS UNDER THE ACT. THE ACT REQUIRES THAT A REPORT BE FILLED BY, OR ON BEHALF OF, EACH U.S. PERSON (INDIVIDUAL, BRANCH, CORPORATION, OR OTHER ORGANIZATION) WHICH OWNED OR CONTROLLED A DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTEREST OF 10 PERCENT OR MORE IN A FOREIGN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AT ANY TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1977.

2. IN FULFILLING THE MANDATE OF THE ACT, THE INTERAGENCY

COMMITTEE NEEDS TO KNOW: (A) ANY LEGAL OR INFORMAL RESTRICTIONS ON PROVIDING INFORMATION TO FOREIGN MINORITY AND MAJORITY SHAREHOLDERS; AND (B) ANY PROBLEMS IN THOSE CASES WHERE THE HOST GOVERNMENT ITSELF IS A SHAREHOLDER IN AN ENTERPRISE.

3. AS PRESENTLY ENVISIONED, THE SURVEY WILL SEEK THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES OF INFORMATION:

A. INVESTMENT FLOWS BETWEEN THE US REPORTER AND A FOREIGN AFFILIATE.

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B. BASIC FINANCIAL AND OPERATING DATA INCLUDING AN INCOME STATEMENT OF THE FOREIGN AFFILIATE.

C. DETAILED FINANCIAL AND OPERATING DATA;

-- PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT

-- DIVIDENDS, INTEREST, TAXES

-- TECHNOLOGY INCLUDING R&D EXPENDITURES AND ROYALTY PAYMENTS

-- COMPOSITION OF EXTERNAL FINANCING

-- EMPLOYMENT FIGURES AND EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION

-- U.S. MERCHANDISE EXPORTS TO AND IMPORTS FROM THE FOREIGN AFFILIATE

4. ACTION REQUESTED: THE DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE ADDRESSEES MAKING LOW KEY INQUIRIES TO HOST GOVERNMENTS

ON THE QUESTIONS IN PARAGRAPH 2. SUCH INQUIRIES SHOULD
STRESS THAT THE BENCHMARK SURVEY IS A STATISTICAL EXERCISE
AND THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO CONDUCT THESE AT
REGULAR TEN YEAR INTERVALS. VANCE

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